



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."
— Romans 12:12



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TOWER TIDINGS
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011

August/September Lectionary Readings

10/02	Exod. 20:1-4,7-9,12,20; Ps. 19 Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46	11/06	Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78:1-7 1Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13
10/09	Exod. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6,19-23 Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14	11/13	Judges 4:1-7; Ps. 123 1Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30
10/16	Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99; 1Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22	11/20	Ezek. 34:11-16,20-24; Ps. 100 Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46
10/23	Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6,13-17 1Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46	11/27	Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19 1Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
10/30	Josh. 3:7-17; Ps. 107:1-7,33-37 1Thess.2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12		

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be September 16th. A potluck meal will be held after services and Sunday school at the church. Please be in prayer about what you will be able to pledge. This is an important step in the development of an effective budget as Session moves forward.

Vacation Bible School

Each Summer, our vacation bible school brings education, joy, and memories to both children and staff. It is a meaningful introduction to some children who do not already attend church to the teachings of Christ. Every year, numerous volunteers from all churches involved enjoy the interaction with the kids; singing, playing, and working.

Please consider becoming involved as a volunteer for this worthwhile and meaningful project. Giving our time and effort to others is a wonderful way to express our love for God and a great way to lead our children by example.

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the Vacation Bible School Team meeting on September 11 at 6:00pm. Call Nancy Toland with any



Pastor Rausch to Accept Call in Michigan

Session was informed Thursday, September 23rd that Pastor Rausch will be accepting a call at the First Presbyterian Church in Muskegon, Michigan. Representatives from John Calvin Presbytery were on hand to explain the process of transition as our church moves forward. If things go as expected, the Rausch family will be moving in early November.

Jennica has gone to Michigan ahead of her family due to graduation requirements there. She is staying with a retired school principal - a member of their new church - who has opened her home to her. She is excited about playing with their marching band. Also, there is an art school nearby that she is considering after her graduation in the spring.

Chris will finish out the quarter teaching here in Iola, then she, Jacob, and Jim will join Jennica in Muskegon. Pastor Jim jokes that Michigan has been described as a place that has three months of poor sledding weather. However, the "lake effect" tends to moderate temperatures near the lake.

Our congregation has benefitted during his thirteen years of service here. He has been a guiding force, in good times and bad, and will be dearly missed. However, his new church will be blessed by his and his family's presence. Our prayers and

Reminder

There is a basket in the Koinonia Room for Ashley Williams and Don Smith celebrating their wedding on October 22nd. Everyone is encouraged to add household items for the couple - to show our support and also to help them out as they begin a new life together. The bas-

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Jacob Rausch Mark Toland</i>
2	3	4	5 <i>3-4pm Kid's Club Jesse Coffield</i>	6 <i>C.E. Team Mtg. 5:30pm Grace Myers</i>	7 <i>Emy Platt</i>	8
9 <i>Youth 5:30-8:00pm Pizza & Movie</i>	10 <i>Jack Adams Sarah Gilpin</i>	11 <i>VBS Planning 6:00pm Koinonia Rm. William Talkington</i>	12 <i>3-4pm Kid's Club Ann Shetlar</i>	13 <i>Destiny Howard</i>	14 <i>Caroline Toland</i>	15
16 <i>Fellowship Dinner Stewardship Sunday</i>	17 <i>Adam Morrell</i>	18 <i>Debi Campbell Brennan Coffield</i>	19 <i>3-4pm Kid's Club Cathy Adams Camden Dreasher</i>	20 <i>5:30pm Deacon's Meeting</i>	21	22 <i>Ashley Williams/ Don Smith Wedding</i>
23 <i>No Sunday School</i>	24	25 <i>Andrew Catron Zachary Catron Lacey Sutherland</i>	26 <i>3-4pm Kid's Club Jay Kretzmeier Vivian Noah</i>	27 <i>7pm Session Meeting Alden Ensminger</i>	28	29 <i>Jerry Gleason Curt Griffeth</i>
30 <i>Carol (Toland) Napp</i>	31 <i>Carri Campbell Kathleen Cloud Fred Heismeyer</i>					

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Jacki Chase Sally Huskey Jim Talkington</i>	3 <i>C.E. Team Mtg. 5:30pm</i>	4	5
6 <i>Youth Wii Night 6:30-8:00pm</i>	7 <i>Fern Orr</i>	8 <i>Worship Committee 12:30pm</i>	9 <i>Whitney Olson</i>	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Mark Whitney</i>	15 <i>Betty Miller</i>	16 <i>Dylana Greer</i>	17 <i>Deacons Meeting 5:30pm</i>	18 <i>Elizabeth Toland</i>	19 <i>Gale Beck</i>
20 <i>Youth 6:30-8:00pm</i>	21	22 <i>Roberta Gilpin</i>	23 <i>No Kid's Club</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 <i>Diana Asher Julie Bradstreet Chase Vaughn</i>	26
27	28	29 <i>Barb Siefker</i>	30			

Allen Christmas Concert

Mark your calendars for the Allen Community College Christmas concert. They will be performing at the Presbyterian church on December 7 at 7:00pm. Their director, Ted Clous, is new to Allen this year, and he is excited about the talent available at the college.

Children's Sermon and Lay Leaders Needed

Please consider serving in the role of lay leader, or by giving a children's sermon. There are numerous dates available. This is a good way to deepen your involvement with the worship service. Lay leaders will be reminded during the week, and will be provided with the material to be read. For anyone delivering a children's sermon, there are lots of resources available. Everything from basic ideas to complete messages are easily accessed online.

Last Month for Printed Tidings

Over the past few months, we have been evaluating our printing needs. Our paper use for bulletins has been reduced by 60% by utilizing our overhead screens, reformatting our bulletin, and consolidating much of the material that used to be printed on inserts.

This month, we are turning our attention to the Tower Tidings. We have already heard from a great number of you who have expressed their willingness to receive the newsletter via email. Our current format is printed on legal size paper in columns. To facilitate anyone printing a copy at home, the "e-Tidings" will be formatted on regular letter size. To allow easy scrolled reading on a computer screen, it will be printed in single column.

Photographs in the e-Tidings will be in high resolution color - again for easy home printing for those who wish to do so. There are so many reasons for us to move to electronic newsletter: it will save the church costs on paper, toner, and copier maintenance; it will facilitate a more timely newsletter; it will allow a monthly letter; and since most tower tidings eventually find the trash can - it will cut down on our "carbon footprint". It makes economic *and* ecological sense.

For those who require a printed Tower Tidings, please contact the church office so we can keep you on a list to get these by regular mail. These will still go out on a bi-monthly basis, with the next issue combining December 2011 with January and February of 2012. For the rest of you, if you have NOT received the e-Tidings via your email account - PLEASE contact Jim Huskey at the church office at 620-365-3481 or secretary@iolapresbyterian.org so we can add your current email address to our e-Tidings list.

We've tried to anticipate as many of the snags as possible. However, there are bound to be concerns and issues with this as we progress forward.

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Please Recycle

Please bring #1 and #2 plastic (clear and opaque) as well as burned out spiral fluorescent bulbs. There should be a recycle symbol on the bottom of most bottles if you are unsure. They look like this:



This is one way that we can help to reduce the amount of waste going into the ground, and reduce the amount of petroleum needed to support the planet. Please remember to remove any caps and rinse containers.

Life is a chain. All things are related. When any link is harmed, the other links are affected. We should think of the environment as our mother. There is no crime worse than harming one's mother.

Grace Myers Day

The Worship Committee designated October 2nd as "Grace Myers Day" honoring her 100th birthday. Some of her favorite hymns were included in the service, and a special fellowship reception followed the church service. Numerous gifts were made to the church organ fund in her honor.

Grace has been a wonderful gift to our church and our community. She has shared her gifts of music and teaching with countless individuals. Indeed, Iola and the First Presbyterian Church are both a far



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Fellowship

10/02	Worship Committee	11/06	Richard and Jodi Parks
10/09	Ken and Ann Shetlar	11/13	Cecilia Sanaia
10/16	Ken and Connie McWhirter	11/20	Deb Tyson and Family
10/23	Tony and Terri Piazza	11/27	Bob and Ginny Hawk
10/30	Joe and Lynne Sutherland		

Happy Birthday!

Jacob Rausch	10/01
Mark Toland	10/01
Jessy Coffield	10/05
Grace Myers	10/06
Marjorie Norman	10/07
Emy Platt	10/07
John Toland	10/07
Gordon Chard	10/07
Jack Adams	10/10
Sarah Gilpin	10/10
William Talkington	10/11
Ann Shetlar	10/12
Destiny Howard	10/13
Archie Huskey	10/13
Caroline Toland	10/14
Adam Morrell	10/17
Debi Campbell	10/18
Cathy Adams	10/19
Camden Dreasher	10/19
Andrew Catron	10/25
Zachary Catron	10/25
Lacey Sutherland	10/25
Jay Kretzmeier	10/26
Vivian Noah	10/26
Jerry Gleason	10/29
Curt Griffeth	10/29
Phyllis Hodgson	10/29
Carol Toland	10/30
Carri Campbell	10/31
Kathleen Cloud	10/31
Fred Heismeyer	10/31
Jacki Chase	11/02
Sally Huskey	11/02
Jim Talkington	11/02
Whitney Olson	11/09
Mark Whitney	11/14
Betty Miller	11/15
Dorothy Gleason	11/17
Elizabeth Toland	11/18
Gale Beck	11/19
Robertta Gilpin	11/22
Diana Asher	11/25
Chase Vaughn	11/25

Christian Education Corner

The children in elementary and preschool ages have been studying the story of Jacob and Esau. It has been interesting learning that siblings have always had difficulty getting along with each other, but that reconciliation can occur with God's help. We have had fun making Jacob's ladder toys in Kids' Club, molding clay pots in Sunday school, playing a God vs. Jacob wrestling match on the computers in our computer lab, and playing tug-of-war and other games during Sunday school. We also will be preparing and eating pretzel Jacob's ladders on Sunday, Oct. 2nd! Our next rotation will start Oct. 30th learning about Joseph and his Brothers. Watch out for the Egyptians arrival on Nov. 6th! You won't recognize your own children!

VBS planning for the 2012 program begins Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. at our church. New volunteers wanting to help with the planning are needed for this coming year from our congregation. Responsibility for the extensive program we share with Wesley Methodist Church requires many responsible volunteers. The theme for 2012 is "Sky - God's Love Knows No Bounds." Our church will be host this coming June so please, if you run across aeronautical toys of any kind, set them back for use in our sanctuary. We will be flying high from June 11-17th!

Teachers are always needed for all age levels in our church. Please volunteer when you can - it will require less than an hour of your time, but will reach so many minds. PLEASE HELP!

As we forge ahead to a new era in our church, communication will be more important than ever. Please respond to phone calls, emails, texts, and face-to-face conversations and questions. Silence is not helpful to further communication. Please do your part to reply when so many questions are floating around 'out there' needing answers.

Blessings,
Nancy Toland

Happy Anniversary!

Beth and John Wall	10/05
Shirley and Kendall Ashford	10/11
April and Rick Hudson	10/12
Susan Lynn and Dr. Brian Wolfe	10/14
Maureen and Eric Olson	10/19
Jan and Richard Knewton	10/25
Gerry and Donald Bain	11/08
Frances and Steve Kinzle	11/10
Lisa and Mark Whitney	11/14
Lora and Frank Hodson	11/17

The youth Sunday school lessons will be based on the Feasting On The Word curriculum.

- Oct. 2 - "Parable of the Wicked Tenants" Matt 21:33-46
- Oct. 9 - "Parable of the Wedding Banquet" Matt. 22:1-14
- Oct. 16 - "Copycats" 1 Thess. 1:1-10
- Oct. 23 - T.B.A.
- Oct. 30 - T.B.A.
- Nov. 6 - T.B.A.
- Nov. 13 - T.B.A.
- Nov. 20 - T.B.A.
- Nov 27 - T.B.A.

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